

ENLACE honors outstanding students at Ames

In the summer of 2009, the Hispanic Advisory Committee for Employees' (HACE) Chair Eric Kristich attended and sponsored an ENLACE graduation at Evergreen Valley College in San Jose, where he recognized and rewarded six individuals for their outstanding academic record.

As part of HACE's vision of reaching out to the younger generation of Latinos and promoting the value of math, science and English, HACE was proud to reward these six ENLACE students with scholarships.

To receive a scholarship, each student must have maintained a GPA of 3.0 or higher, must have applied for the scholarship via the ENLACE counselor and submitted an essay on the topic 'Latinos in science and mathematics.' Also, a tough selection process was conducted by the Evergreen Valley College (EVC) faculty and Ames' HACE members to select the deserving students.

ENLACE is a program at Evergreen Valley College that has a mission to help Chicano / Latino students increase their educational success. ENLACE provides academic classes, counseling, mentoring and serves underrepresented Chicano / Latino students in San Jose and communities nearby.

What does ENLACE mean? ENLACE is from the Spanish verb enlazar, meaning 'to bind or connect,' 'to bring together' or 'to create community.' Is ENLACE effective? Yes, ENLACE students are highly successful in ENLACE courses and in their core curriculum. ENLACE holds a success rate at 85 percent of their students who graduate.

To participate, students need to make an appointment with the ENLACE counselor. This appointment will determine if the student is eligible based on academic assessment such as placement scores.



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